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We, the seniors of 1951, dedicate this volume of THE KNOB WHISPERS to Miss Audrey Sparger as a token of gratitude for her unassuming kindness, her sincere interest in each individual, and her co-operative spirit and patient guidance.

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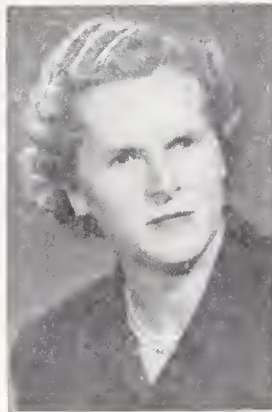
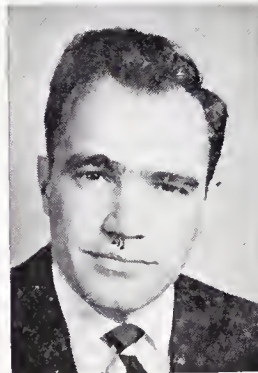
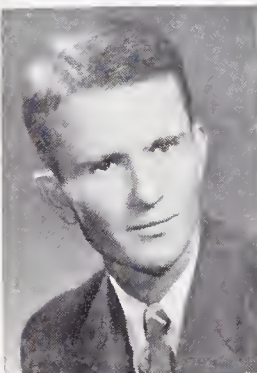
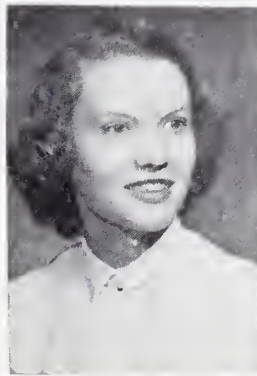
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# Seniors

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*"Athletic"*

Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Football 4; Track 3, 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Treasurer 4; Bus Driver 2, 3; Commercial Club 4; Superlative 4.

JACK BULLINGTON

*"Personality"*

F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H 1; Glee Club 3, 4; Bus Driver 2, 3, 4; "The Pilot" Staff 4; Superlative 4.

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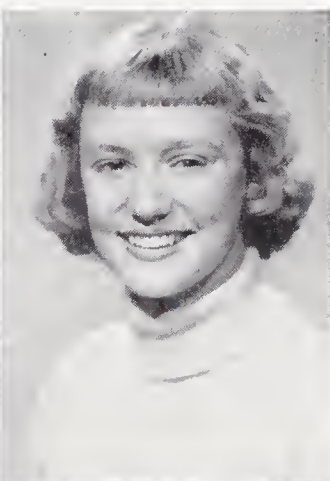
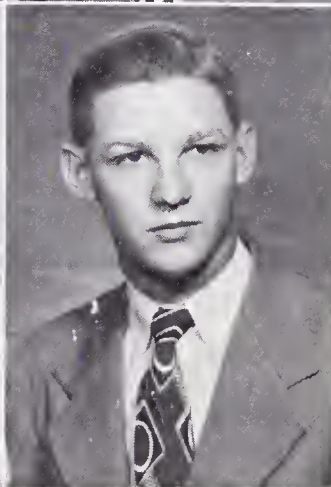
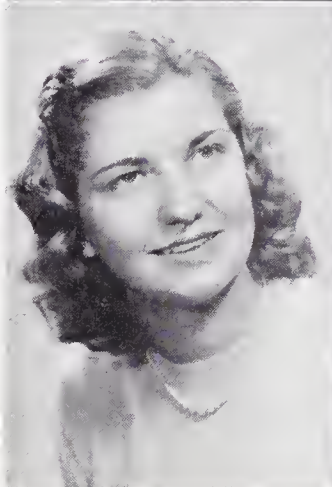
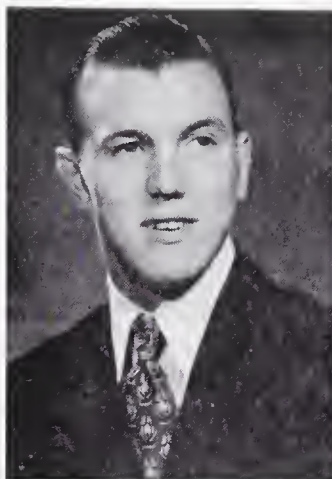
*"Day Dreaming"*

French Club 3, 4; "The Pilot" Staff 4; Superlative 4; Science Club 1, Commercial Club 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3.

ALBERT GILLEY

*"Flash on Wheels"*

F. F. A. 1, 2, 3; Basketball 3, 4; Bus Driver 3; Commercial Club 3, 4; Superlative 4.



WAYNE HUNTER

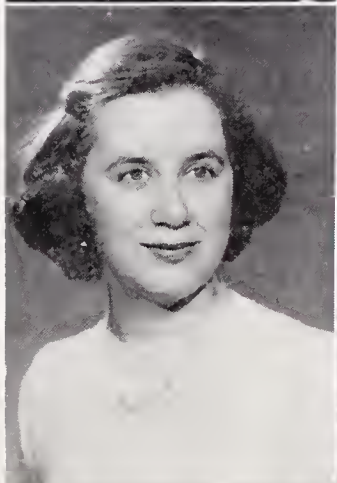
*"Nice"*

F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Reporter 4; Bus Driver 4; Commercial Club 3, 4; Superlative 4.

ALYNNE INMAN

*"Pretty Teeth"*

4-H 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics 3, 4; Class Officer 1, 4; Track 2, 3; "The Pilot" Staff 4; Superlative 4; Library Staff 2; Commercial Club 3, 4.



BONNIE INMAN

*"Quiet Like"*

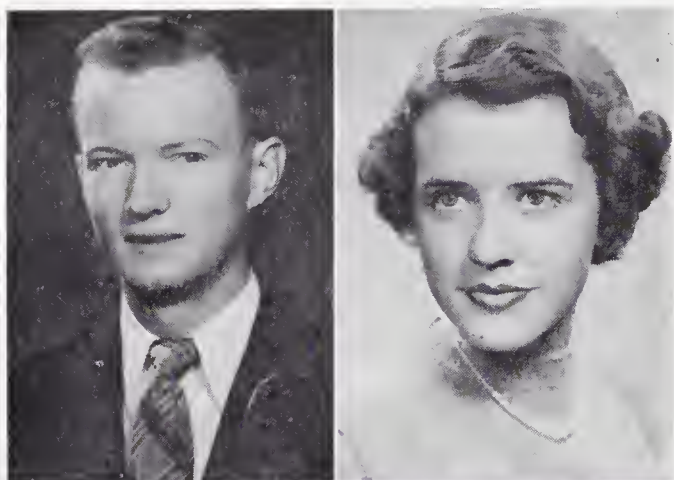
Driver's Training 2; "The Pilot" Staff 3; Commercial Club 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Glee Club 4; Superlative 4.

TAYLOR INMAN

*"Dark Eyes"*

F. F. A. 1, Officer 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, Co-Captain 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Superlative 4; Bus Driver 2, 3, 4; "The Pilot" Staff 4; Glee Club 3; Annual Staff 4; Dramatics 3, 4; 4-H Club 2, 3; Class Officer 2, 3, 4.

# Seniors



BILLY JONES

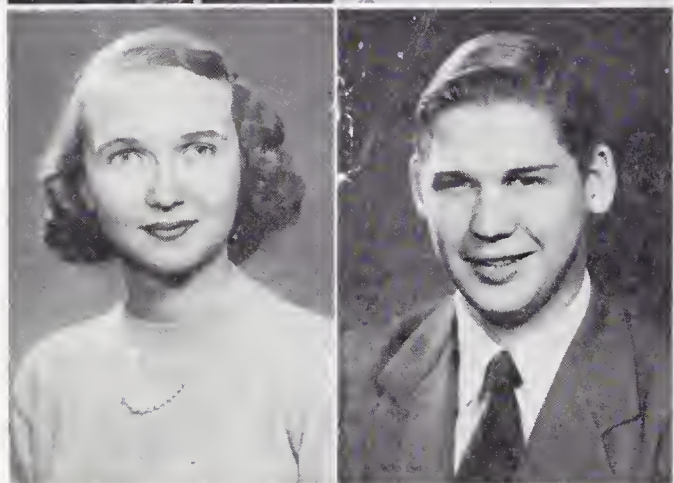
*"Farmer in the Dell"*

F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Driver's Training 2; "The Pilot" Staff 2, 3; Superlative 4; Baseball 1; Commercial Club 3.

HELEN KEYE

*"How many hearts have you broken?"*

Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Dramatics 3, 4; 4-H 1, 2, 3. Officer 1; Cheerleader 1, 2, Chief 3, 4; Editor of "The Pilot" 4; Annual Staff 4; F. H. A. 1; Class Officer 1; Commercial Club 3, 4; Superlative 4.



NANCY KIRKMAN

*"Nice to have around"*

4-H 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; "The Pilot" Staff 4; French Club 3, 4; Science Club 1; Commercial Club 4; Superlative 4; Dramatics 3; Music Club 1, 2, 3.

WESLEY KIVETT

*"Cute, Bashful"*

Science Club 1, French Club 3; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Commercial Club 4; Superlative 4.

BILLY MABE

*"Dependable"*

F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; "The Pilot" Staff 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 3, 4; Football 4; Superlative 4.

JEAN McCORMICK

*"Flirty"*

Cheerleader 3, 4; F. H. A. 2; 4-H 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Latin Club, vice-president 3; Basketball 2; "The Pilot" Staff 4; Dramatics 3, 4; Superlative 4; Music Club 2; Commercial Club 4; Driver's Training 2; Voice 3; Teen-Age Club Officer 4.

GLADYS MOORE

*"Personality Plus"*

Science Club 1; 4-H Club 1; Library Staff 2, 3; Class Officer 2, 3; Dramatics 3, 4; "The Pilot" Staff 3, 4; Commercial Club 3, 4; Glee Club 4; Assistant Editor of "The Knob Whispers" 4; Marshal 3; Superlative 4.

RAY MOTSINGER

*"Beautiful Voice"*

Vice-President Science Club 1; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Co-Captain Football 4; Glee Club Officer 2, 3, 4; Dramatics 3, 4; "The Pilot" Staff 3, 4; Superlative 4; Annual Staff 4; French Club 2, 3; Driver's Training 2; President Teen-Age Club 4; Latin Club Officer 3; Marshal 3.





# Seniors

## BILLY NEEDHAM

*"Artist"*

Science Club 1; "The Pilot" Staff 1, 4; French Club 3; Superlative 4; Annual Staff 4; Class Officer 4; Marshal 3; Commercial Club 4.

## RAYMOND NELSON

*"Will Power"*

Class President 1, 2, 3, 4; Representative Student Government 1; Science Club 1; French Club 3; F. F. A. 1, 2; Marshal 3; Superlative 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3. Co-Captain 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Football Co-Captain 4; 4-H 1, 2.

## WILLYE PRESNELL

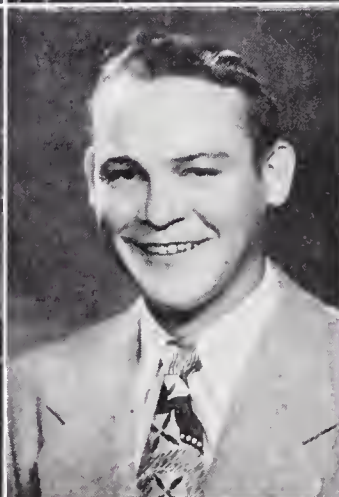
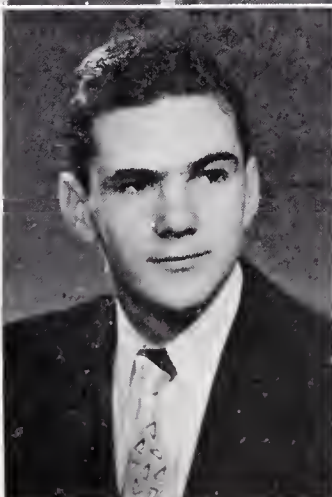
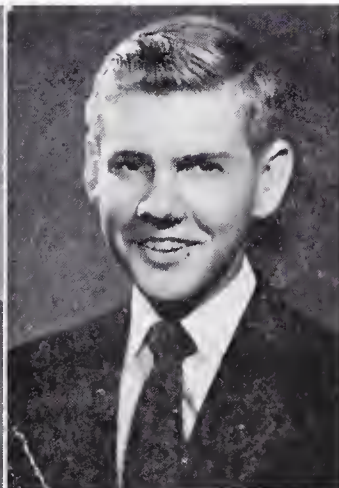
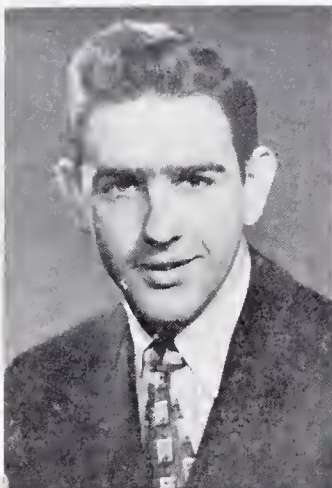
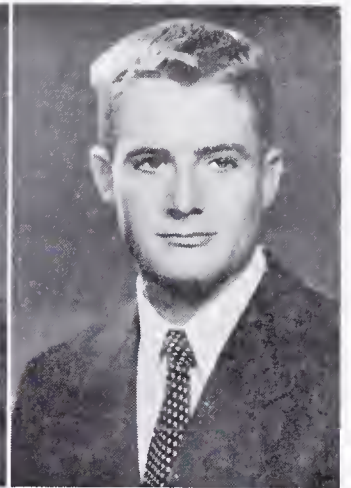
*"Cute"*

Driver's Training 2; "The Pilot" Staff 4; Commercial Club 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Superlative 4; Dramatics 3; F. H. A. 4; 4-H 1, 2, 3, 4.

## PHYLLIS REDMAN

*"Pepsodent Smile"*

Secretary Science Club 1; F. H. A. 1, Historian 2, Reporter 3, Vice-President 4, County Parliamentarian 3; 4-H Club 1, 2; Commercial Club 3, 4; Assistant Editor of "The Pilot" 3; Staff 4; Co-Chief Marshal 3; Superlative 4; Cheerleader 3, 4; Class Officer 4; Dramatics 3, 4; Editor of "The Knob Whispers" 4.



## BUDDY SIMMONS

*"Tall, Dark"*

Science Club 1; Class Officer 1, 2; French Club 2, 3, Vice-President 3; Driver's Training 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics 3, 4; "The Pilot" Staff 3; Business Manager of "The Knob Whispers" 4; Superlative 4; Co-Chief Marshal 3; Student Council Representative 1.

## C. H. SIMMONS

*"Gets Around"*

F. F. A. 1, 2; French Club 3, 4; Driver's Training 2; Superlative 4.

## TOMMY SIMMONS

*"Mysterious"*

Science Club 1; French Club 3; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Driver's Training 2; Superlative 4; "The Pilot" Staff 4; Football 4.

## J. W. SPARGER

*"Big Man"*

F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; "The Pilot" Staff 2, 3, 4; Baseball 3, 4; Football 4; Dramatics 3; Superlative 4; Bus Driver 2, 3, 4; Track 1; Commercial Club 2, 3, 4.



# *Superlatives*



**BEST LOOKING**

Helen Keye

Tommy Simmons



**MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED**

Gladys Moore

Raymond Nelson



**BEST ALL AROUND**

Jack Bullington

Jean McCormick



**MOST VERSATILE**

Phyllis Redman

Buddy Simmons



# Superlatives



WITTIEST

Willye Presnell

J. W. Sparger



FRIENDLIEST

Robert Brinkley

Lena Frances



CUTEST

Alyme Inman

C. H. Simmons



MOST TALENTED

Nancy Kirkman

Billy Needham



# *Superlatives*



**BEST SPORTS**

Lena Frances

Billy Mabe



**BEST DRESSED**

Ray Motsinger

Nancy Kirkman



**MOST STUDIOUS**

Buddy Simmons

Phyllis Redman



**NEATEST**

Billy Jones

Bonnie Inman



# *Superlatives*



**MOST POLITE**

Willye Pressnell

Wesley Kivett



**MOST ATHLETIC**

Taylor Inman

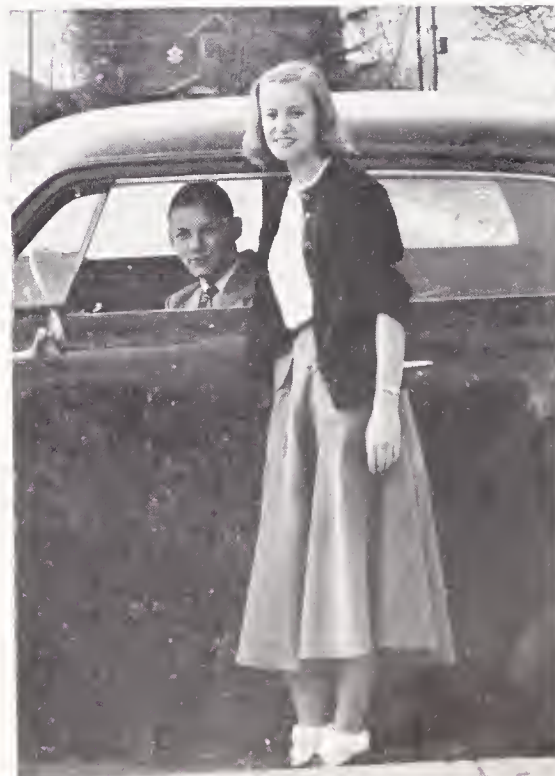
Raymond Nelson



**QUIETEST**

Albert Gilley

Bonnie Inman



**MOST POPULAR**

Alynne Inman

Wayne Hunter

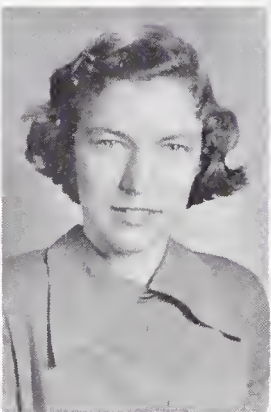


# *Juniors*



## *Junior Officers*

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<i>Secretary</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	KAY ARRINGTON



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Ann Bullington



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Jewel Chilton  
Louise Collins  
John Fulk



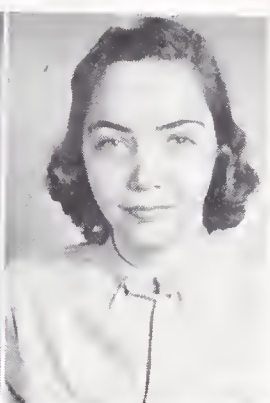
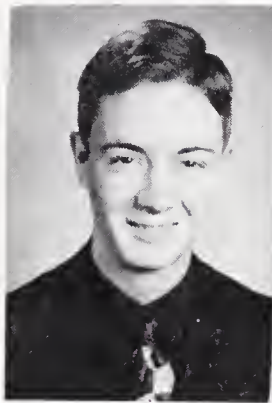
# *Juniors*

Reece Hunter

Bayne Jessup

Peggy Gordon

Mildred Lewis

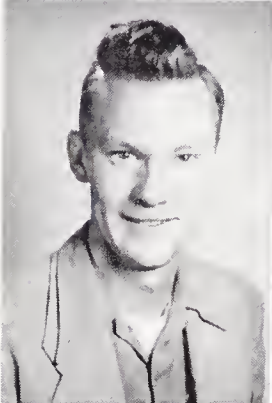


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Betty Needham

Carl Needham

Barbara Nichols



Mary Anne Patton

Joanna Ray

Mary Frances Roberts

Colleen Sechrist

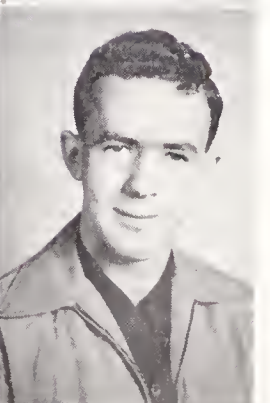


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Joe Simmons

Marjorie Thore

Gilmer Joyce

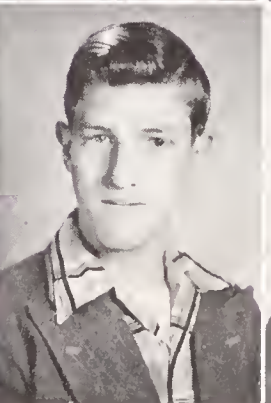


Clara Jean Hunter

Frank Jones

Garfield Gwyn

Marjorie Jessup





# Sophomores



## Sophomore Officers

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MILDRED STONE.....*Secretary*  
RACHEL JOYCE.....*Treasurer*



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# Sophomores



*First row:* Shirley Willard, Donald Hiatt, Charles Hill, Nancy Hill, Joan Inman. *Second row:* Lottie Inman, Ray Jackson, Raymond Jessup, Sara Jane Jessup, Virginia Jessup. *Third row:* Joe Jones, Nancy Jones, Rachel Joyce, Mildred Stone, Janie Key. *Fourth row:* Evelyn Manring, Jo Frances Matthews, Cecil Moore, Barbara Redman, Roger Redman. *Fifth row:* Roger Reeves, Betty Simmons, Sybil Smith, Irene Stephens.

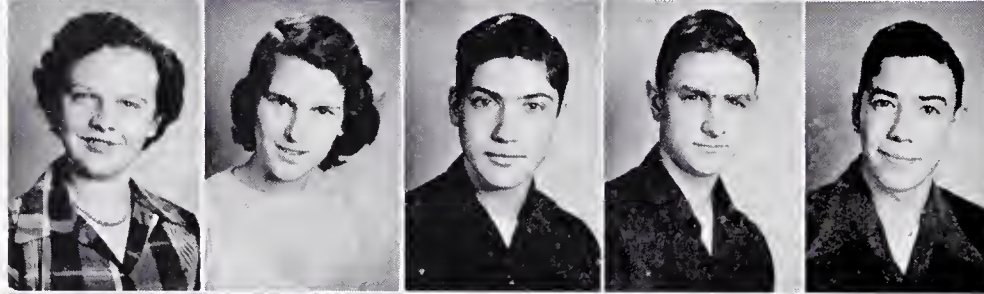




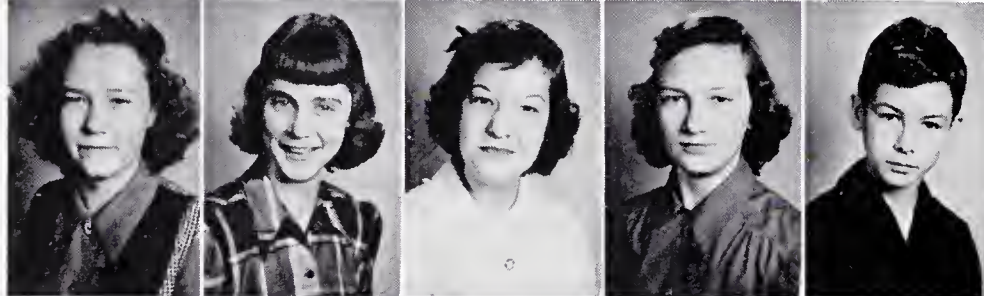
# Freshmen



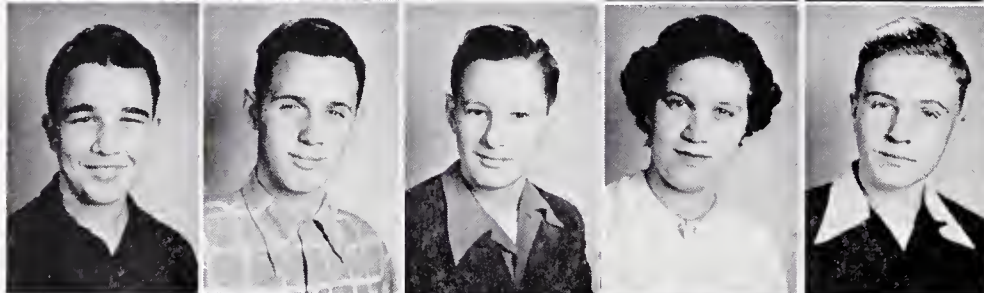
Billy Whitaker  
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Frances Key  
*Vice-President*  
Kay Fulk  
*Secretary*  
Evonne Adams  
*Treasurer*  
Peggy Anne Almond



Mildred Beck  
Violet Payne  
Teddy Blizzard  
Dan Brinkley  
Sammy Bryant



Faye Cooke  
Selma Jo Cooke  
Bonnie Cole  
Doris Cox  
Burton Davis



Donald Denny  
Glenn Inman  
Billy Inman  
Shirley Inman  
Billy James



Betty Jean Joyce  
J. D. McDaniel  
Shirley Needham  
Marie Roegrs  
Marvin Sams



Joan Smith  
Roger Stone  
Josephine Thore  
Jo Anne Waller  
Joyce Welch





# Freshmen

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President  
Bobby Joe Gordon  
Vice-President  
Helen Bell  
Secretary  
James Jessup  
Treasurer  
Billy Joe Almond



J. G. Beasley  
Peggy Chilton  
Opal Collins  
Edward East  
Sarah Lyon Flippin



Vera Gammons  
Jackie Goins  
Roberta Hicks  
Maxine Hill  
Betty Jo Holt



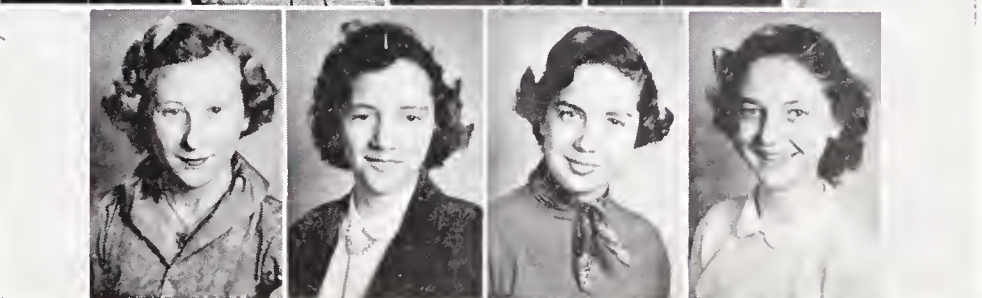
Ethelene Johnson  
Bobby Jones  
Doris Lawson  
Norma Long  
Janie Long



Roy Medley  
Bobby McCormick  
Billy Needham  
Joe Smith  
Shirley Tilley



Carol Welch  
Beulah Yates  
Fayrene Wilson  
Linda Willard





# Eighth Grade



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## SEVENTH GRADE

*Mrs. Bernice Swanson . . . First row:* Preston Joyce, R. J. Adkins, Gray Key, Peggy Sue Chilton, Bill Bryant, Glennie Beasley, Johnson Willard, Wade Hunter, Nora Lee Nixon, Davis Lawson. *Second row:* Barbara Peele, Betty Almond, Judy Simmons, Cellie Mae Lowe, Rachel Jessup, Mary Lawson, Helen Hiatt, Ruby Stone, Wilma Beasley, Betty Lon Chilton, Janie Venable, Stella Jester. *Third row:* Ruth Turney, Arbra Coone, Peggy Barnes, Dillard Gordon, Sammy Brown, Dewey Wilson, Rex Stone, Shelvia Jones, Stephen Gwaltney, Nat Swanson.



*Mrs. Samuel . . . First row:* C. L. Needham, Billy Thomas, Don Collins, Graham Joyce, Donald Fulk, William Sands, Beauford Hunter, Paul Taylor, Homer Vaughn. *Second row:* Jane Armstrong, Mary Lou Coe, Sibil Collins, Nancy Jo Bowman, Shirley Jones, Dorine Brinkley, Sadie Mae Tilley, Nancy Lee Tucker, Gail Denny, Angeline Campbell, Frances Cobbler, Shelby Simmons, Jane Covington. *Third row:* Frank Boles, Colie Arnder, Rex Tucker, James Welch, Bobby Marion, Richard Inman, Ruth Brinkley, Mary Jane Boyles, Marie Williams, Barbara Needham.



## SIXTH GRADE

*Mrs. Mary Swanson . . . First row:* Cecil Goins, Wayne Nelson, Jimmy Palmer, Dennis Thompson, G. W. Welborn, Dwight Cooke, Donald Jones. *Second row:* Betty Long, Dotty Brim, Julia Willard, Bobby Newsome, Anne Taylor, Emily Wall, Jimmy McDaniel, Eugene Brinkley, Lucille Wright, Fay McCormick. *Third row:* Bonnie Bryant, Jane Sawyers, Barbara Marion, Joanne Tucker, Sarah Napier, Jimmy Anderson, Billy Manuel, Kathleen Simmons, Margie Wilson, Carson Plyler, Carol Needham, Danny Rorer.



*Mrs. Denny . . . First row:* Joe Reynolds, Rex Allen Davis, Jerry Blizzard, Tom Bryant, Ray Beck, Jack Key, Ralph Joyce, Ralph Turney. *Second row:* Dollie Cane, Sylvia Inman, Betty Hiatt, Juanita Welborn, Wayne Sams, Shelba Creasy, Lena Arnder, Kay Anne Goins, Maureen Terrell, Ruby Samuels, Nancy Flynn, Rex Simmons. *Third row:* Ruth Jessup, Jimmy Ray Boyles, Frances MacDaniel, Bonnie Willard, C. E. Handy, Eunice Moore, Peggy Inman, Jimmy Chilton, Sallie Simmons, Mabel Yates, Carlton Mairing, Roland Chilton.



## FIFTH GRADE

*Mrs. Needham . . . First row:* Thurmond Cook, Troy Nunn, Douglas Cook, Bobby Bruner, Johnny Marion, Jerry Simmons, Billy Cain. *Second row:* Hugh Key, Jeraldine Voncannon, Mary Lou Welch, Faye Hill, Frances Wilson, Alpha Jean Brooks, Laura Collins, Frances Denny, Rachel Gwynn, Doris Ann Wilson, Mary Jo Sands, J. R. Goins. *Third row:* Carol Jones, Ruby Francis, Doris Smith, Haywood Goins, Nancy Bowman, Betty Jo Coins, Mike Marion, Betty Slate, Kornell Hooker, Wayne Manning, Wilbert Sands, Junior Lowe.

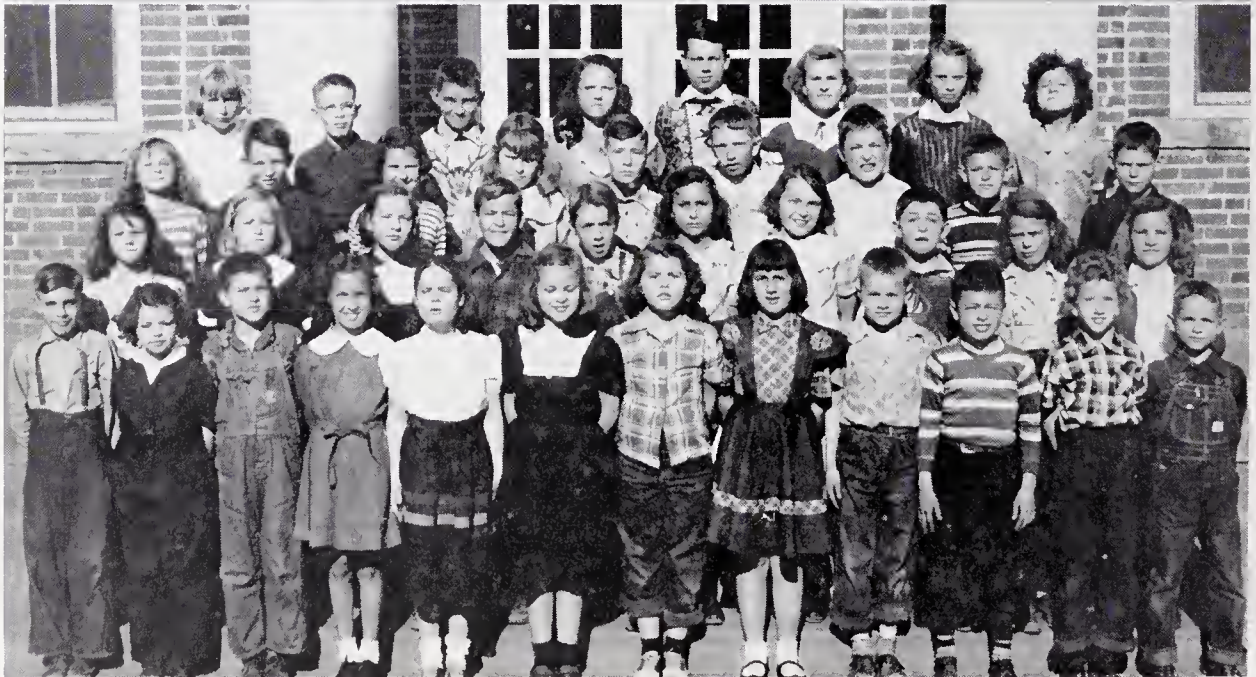


*Mrs. Hill . . . First row:* Billy Mack Moore, Paul Gravitte, Billy Denny, Sammy Coe, Joe Bill Simmons, Ray Tucker, Donna Emerson, Cathy Willard, Frankie Rogers, Sarah Kiser, Philip Denny, Sammy Bowman. *Second row:* Gloria Calloway, Shelby Hunter, Annie Mae Tucker, Foy Craddock, Connie Gwaltney, Lottie Eaton, June Chilton, Opal Beck, Nancy Samuel, Norma Adams, Lucy Simmons, Janice Inman, Callie Wilson. *Third row:* Posey Gammons, Peggy Stone, Wesley Williams, Ronald Bennett, Ruby Edmonds, Linda Denny, Ronald Sands, David Nelson, Janie Emerson, Shelby East, Wanda Rogers.



## FOURTH GRADE

*Mrs. Badgett . . . First row, left to right:* Dianne Jones, Barbara Manuel, Wanda Ruth Gordon, Harvey Ray Phillips, John D. Willard, O. G. Johnson, Betty Jean Phillips, Wayne Grey Walker, Rafor Tilley, Joyce Brinkley, Dickie Archer. *Second row:* Peggy Smith, June Lynch, Glenda Denny, Linda Jessup, Joe D. Simmons, Jimmy Reid, Faye Dezern, Irving Boyles, Ronald Hill. *Third row:* Peggy Goins, Hilton Gravitt, Smith Nelson, Eileen Creasy, James Brinkley, Erlene Lawson, Joe Anne Sams, Eldon Rogers. *Fourth row:* Bobby Rogers, Betty Thomas, Wade Phillips, Pearl Nelson, Carol Chilton, Yvonne Goins, Fern Nelson, Shirley McCormick, Richard Earl Barns.



*Mrs. Carson . . . First row, left to right:* Stayman Moorefield, Mary J. Flippin, Buck Kiser, Sandra Taylor, Phyllis Sowden, Joyce Flinchum, Linda Stewart, Carol Hunter, Wayne Flynn, Tommy Patton, Suzanne Cox, John Simmons. *Second row:* Barbara Nelson, Libby Inman, Kay Flinchum, J. D. Wilson, Douglas Jessup, Joan Thomas, Frances Chaney, Ray Frances, Mary Simmons, Sarah Anne Joyce. *Third row:* Brenda Cooke, Avery Cox, Patricia Stone, Ella Bennett, Spencer Flinchum, Russell Lowe, Vann Cox, Robert McGee, Banks Denny. *Fourth row:* Patricia Pell, Erskine Simmons, Paul Shelton, Jr., Betty Cox, Bobby Cook, Elizabeth Collins, Alma Jean Coins, Rachel McGee.



## THIRD GRADE

*Mrs. Wall . . . First row, left to right:* Patsy Johnson, Norma Hill, Kay Overby, David Willard, Mildred Goins, Linda Pell, Betty Collins, Bobby Lawson, Jeannette Boyles, Faye Tucker. *Second row:* Texas Key, Witchia Gravitt, Linda Jones, Joyce Redman, Cecil Bell, Elizabeth Smith, Barbara Moore, Elgin Bryant, Douglas Goins, Douglas Hooker. *Third row:* Bobby W. Gammons, Delmar Stewart, Esker Wilmoth, Conrad Chilton, Joe Napier, Alma Davis, Allen Mabe, Jimmy Wilson, Wayne Gravitt. *Fourth row:* Peggy Long, Judy Flinchum, Linda Gordon, Otis Chilton, Bobby Nelson, Wayne Bell, Pat McKenzie, Mildred Gammons, Martha Simmons.



*Mrs. Fowler . . . First row, left to right:* Alice Inman, Faye Armstrong, Larry Covington, Floyd Lowe, John Stevens, Kenny Glace, Jerry Sparger, Larry Samuels, Roger Cooke. *Second row:* Sandra Graham, Freddie Smith, Glenda Hunter, Libby Key, Lucy Williams, Odell Lowe, Emma F. Jackson, Jane Bee's, Daisy Wilson, C. T. Yates. *Third row:* Maxine Handy, Ira Armstrong, Helen Brinkley, Frances Bryant, Eddie Byrd, Buddie Goins, Gilmer Peele, Roy Thomas, Vickie Hill. *Fourth row:* Gloria Nelson, Larry Chilton, Barbara Coin, Larry Lynch, Dewitt Adams, Emily Nelson, Philip Nelson, Robert Logan, Dwight Jackson, Gene Taylor.



## SECOND GRADE

*Mrs. Merritt . . . First row, left to right:* Russell Beck, James O'Neal, Howard Hunter, Wade Bryant, Barbara Stewart, Wayne Rogers, Shirley Rogers, Audrey Chilton, Mary Yates, Anne Lynch. *Second row:* Linda Inman, Rachel Stone, Wayne Denny, Ruth Simmens, Carolyn Tucker, Jeri Lawson, Ronnie McKinney, Carole Needham, Ralph Cox. *Third row:* Kenneth Whittington, Patricia Needham, Mavis Taylor, Patsy Craddock, Marie Johnson, Alan Whitaker, Mitchell Davis, Bobby Yates, Jerry Coe, L. C. Tucker. *Fourth row:* Richard Riddle, David Inman, Janice Jessup, Clarence Campbell, Cahrls Stone, Jo Ann Bowman, Mary Jo Hill, James Stone, Sammy Scott, Clyde Fulk, Jr., Pauline Shinault.



*Mrs. Foy Smith . . . First row, left to right:* Carolyn Brinkley, Sharon Tucker, Linda Hill, Barbara Lankford, Joy Cox, Sandra Flippin, Nancy Wilson, Judy Johnson, Carol Bryant, Raymond Turney. *Second row:* Jerry Willard, Brenda Williams, Phyllis Marion, Ralph Voneannon, Clarence Flynn, Betty Manuel, Grady Handy, Janet Simmons, Billy Hicks, Gilmer Jessup. *Third row:* Kenneth Smith, Joe Wall, Jolly Rogers, Louise Stark, Margaret Lynch, Phillip Fulk, Tommy Turpin, Carl Thomas, Rebecca Hill, Joe Venable. *Fourth row:* Mary Swift, Louis Hicks, Jessie Needham, Terry Tucker, Norma Bruner, Amy Jo Burge, Wanda Bullington, Sylvia Cook, Billy Chilton, Linda East.



## SPECIAL GRADES

*Mrs. Cor . . . First row, left to right: William Nixon, J. C. Coins, Guilford Ray Adams, Billy Brunner, Curtis Cain, Wade Hicks, Billy Palmer. Second row: Bobly Needham, Annie Lee White, Wayne Sawyer, Violet Edmonds, Darrell Chilton, Paul Swift. Third row: Charles Wilson, Joe Needham, Grady Chilton, Cecil Campbell, Tommy Noah, Roger Needham, Hugh Bryant.*



*Mrs. Lillian Smith . . . First row, left to right: R. W. Coins, Ralph Draughn, Alice Faye Turney, Junior Bryant, Howard Edmonds, Rayborn Cooke, Avaneil Vestel, Johnny Barneycastle, Helen Tilley. Second row: Edward Nelson, Gilbert Hooker, Dalmer Heath, Jay Reynolds, Robert Phipps, Roy Duncan, Fred White. Third row: Jimmy Edmonds, Jimmy Barneycastle, Aldene Cain, Julius Anderson, Shirley Clark, Maxine Duncan.*



## FIRST GRADES



*Mrs. Porter*

*First row, left to right:* Dean Bruner, Kay Lynch, Brenda Bryant, Carl Ray Turney, Keith Jessup, Possey Whittington, Jerry Love. *Second row:* Divers, Branch, Geneva Nixon, Patsy Nelson, David Swanson, Betty Kiser, Linda Smith, Arlis Bowman, Frank Arnder. *Third row:* Harry Truman Hooker, Barbara Edmonds, Stephen Simmons, Frances Sprinkle, Lee McKenzie, Betty Sue Swift, Norman Simmons, Linda Jessup.

*Mrs. Truelove*

*First row, left to right:* Patricia Hunter, Shirley Simmons, Kenneth Dezern, Charles Voncannon, Benny Cain, Barbara Coc, Tommy Simmons, Glenda Gay Hunter. *Second row:* Connie Needham, Jane Graham, Skipper Archer, Carol Draughn, Mary Alice Clark, John Reid, Brenda Nelson, Betty Sue Beck, Anne Francis. *Third row:* Shirley Rorer, Clayton Hill, Jerry Chilton, Richard Joyce, Jimmy Adams, Frances Jessup, Dwight Denny, Billy Johnson, Billy Nelson. *Fourth row:* Pete Terrell, Judy Chilton, Wayne Covington, Brenda Taylor, Charlie Gwyn, Walter Welborn, Doris Long, Aubrey Bryant, Judy Holland.



*Mrs. Suow*

*First row, left to right:* Freddy Smith, Wade Boyles, Phillip Goins, Ramona Moore, Patricia Simmons, Charles Reynolds, Peggy Sheets, Linda Sheets. *Second row:* Ronald Moorefield, Jimmy Wilburn, Linda Reeves, Eddie Needham, Ray Owens, Tommy Taylor, Claude Hall, Patricia Gravitt, Stephen Barnes. *Third row:* Mignon, McDaniel, Judy Anderson, Linda Bryant, Jessie Sams, Linda Bennett, Wade Bryant, Joyce Anne Hill, Edith Needham. *Fourth row:* Carolyn Cook, Fred Cook, Diann Collins, Billy Boyles, Janie Collins, Joe Pell, Tommy Simmons, Franklin Duncan.





# Athletics



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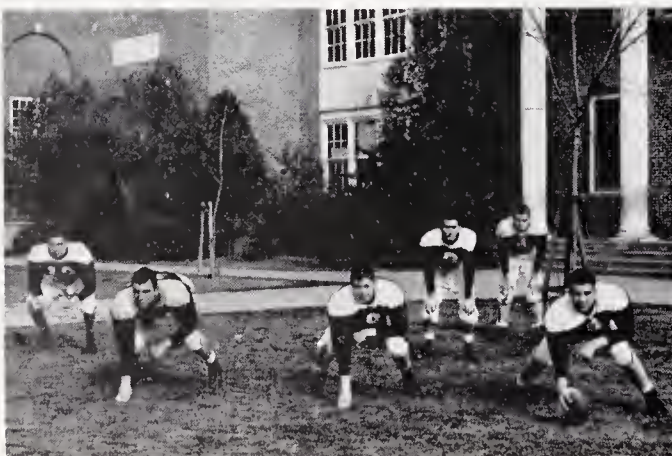


## FOOTBALL SQUAD

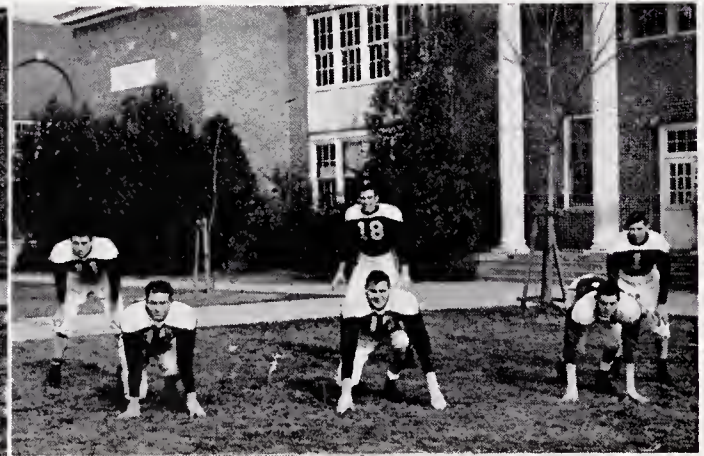
*First row, left to right:* Ray Motsinger, Raymond Nelson, Reece Hunter, Billy Mabe, Billy Almond, Robert Brinkley, Bud Wright, Teddy Blizzard, Billy Inman, manager. *Second row:* Pete Martin, coach; Clyde Tucker, Ray Jackson, Glenn Inman, J. W. Sparger, Taylor Inman, Tommy Simmons, Charles Hill, Donald Denny, Gorrell Bass, coach.

This year, Pilot Mountain's first season, the White Terrors made quite an impression on the six man football enthusiasts throughout the state . . . Although they lost half of their games, the boys were capable of beating the state champions at the end of the season . . . With only eight days of practice under their belts, the P.M.H.S. boys opened their season by dropping their first two games to Griffith and Rural Hall . . . The boys came into their own by walloping Old Town 38-6 . . . After dropping a close one to Glenn High's Powerhouse to the tune of 31-20, the Terrors plowed through Griffith for sweet revenge by a score of 24-18 . . . Then closed the season by trampling Old Town 44-6.

## OFFENSIVE TEAM



## DEFENSIVE TEAM





# Athletics

## CHEERLEADERS



*Left to right: Barbara Nichols, Phyllis Redman, Mary Anne Patton, Jean McCormick, Helen Keye, chief; Marjorie Thore, assistant chief; Betty Clifton, Janie Key, Anne Bullington.*

## BOYS' BASEBALL TEAM



*First row: Robert Brinkley, J. W. Sparger, Billy Mabe, Mr. L. R. Martin, coach; Ray Motsinger, Raymond Nelson, Wesley Kivett, Weldon Needham. Second row: Franklin Jones, Bobby Jones, Teddy Blizzard Billy Whitaker, Sammy Bryant, Billy Almend, Edward East. Third row: Joe Smith, Jack Goins, Reece Hunter, Ray Collins, Jack Bullington.*



# Athletics

## GIRLS' BASKETBALL



*First row, left to right: Linda Willard, Josephine Thore, Bonnie Cole, Betty Simmons, Virginia Jessup, Selma Jo Cooke. Second row: Peggy Almond, Shirley Needham, Vera Gammons, Joyce Welch, Gorrell Bass, coach; Rachel Joyce, Betty Joyce, Kay Fulk, Barbara Golding.*

The Pilot Mountain Terrorettes had a lean season. Although their victories were few, they displayed remarkable improvements before the season ended under the skillful coaching of Gorrell Bass. Next year this more experienced team will be hard to beat. All the players have at least two more seasons to play.

## FIRST TEAM





# Athletics

## BOYS' BASKETBALL



*First row, left to right: Ray Collins, Reece Hunter, Ray Motsinger, Robert Brinkley, Raymond Jessup, Raymond Nelson. Second row: Pete Martin, coach; Albert Gilley, Buddy Simmons, Taylor Inman, Tommy Simmons, Charles Hill, Glenn Inman, manager.*

The 1950-51 Pilot Mountain cagers encountered one of the toughest schedules in the history of the school and emerged as the runner-up in Surry County, thus keeping the tradition of being in the finals of the County Tournament which Principal G. R. Motsinger brought with him when he came to Pilot Mountain eight years ago. The team distinguished them selves not only as good athletes but also won the County Sportsmanship Award; thereby proving themselves "real champions".

### FIRST TEAM





# Athletics

## GIRLS' SECOND TEAM



*Left to right: Peggy Almond, Josephine Thore, Bonnie Cole, Joyce Welch, Vera Gammons, Linda Willard, Kay Fulk, Selma Jo Cooke.*

## BOYS' JUNIOR VARSITY



*First row, left to right: Douglas Inman, Donald Hiatt, Billy Inman, Teddy Blizzard, Donald Denny. Second row: Sammy Bryant, Ray Jackson, Robert Chilton, Glenn Inman, Jimmy Chilton.*



# Activities



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## Activities



**FRENCH  
CLUB**

*First row:* Marjorie Thore, Nancy Kirkman, Joanna Ray, Colleen Sechrist, Keith Denny, Kay Ann Arrington, Phyllis Redman, Mary Anne Patton. *Second row:* Peggy Gordon, Lena Francis, Reece Hunter, C. H. Simmons, Bayne Jessup, Buddy Simmons, Betty Needham, Gladys Moore.

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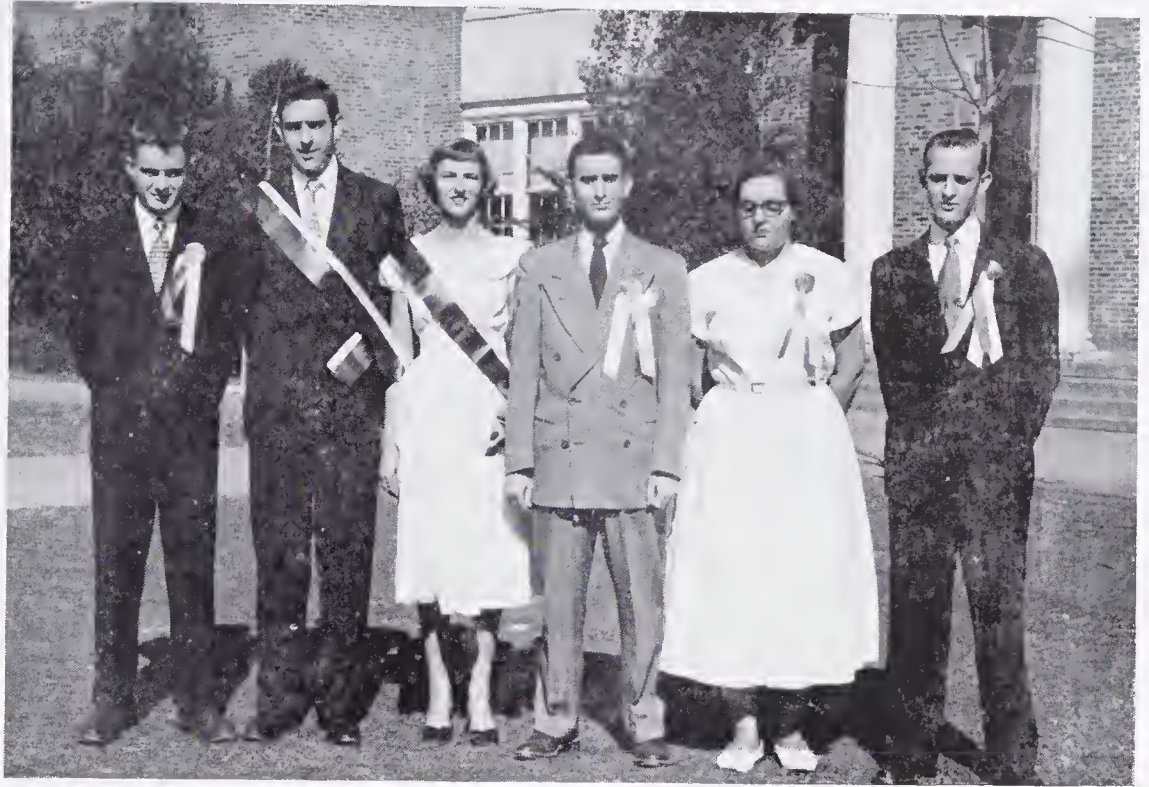


*Left to right:* Barbara Redman, Doris Cox, Mrs. Vilena Chilton, librarian; Berley Midkiff, C. E. Simmons.



# Activities

## MARSHALS



Raymond Nelson, Buddy Simmons, chief; Phyllis Redman, chief; Ray Motsinger, Gladys Moore, Billy Wright Needham.



## BOY SCOUTS

*First row:* Jimmy MacDaniel, William Sams, Bobby Marion, Sammy Bryant, Roger Reeves, Billy Whitaker, Earl Jones, Homer Vaughn. *Second row:* Gray Key, Nat Swanson, C. L. Needham, Donald Fulk, Mr. Bass, Scoutmaster; Rex Stone, Stephen Gwaltney, Carson Plyler, Paul Gravitte.



# Activities



**BUS  
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*Left to right: J. W. Sparger, Wayne Hunter, C. E. Simmons, Berley Midkiff, Dan Brinkley.*

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# Activities

## FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA



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## GLEE CLUB

*First Row, Left to Right: C. E. Simmons, Barbara Redman, Betty Clifton, Janie Key, Jean McCormick, Mary Anne Patton, Anne Bullington, Faye Cooke, Marjorie Thore, Sue Brim, Joan Smith, Ray Motsinger. Second Row: Junior Hunter, Josephine Thore, Barbara Nichols, Gladys Moore, Nancy Jones, Helen Key, Peggy Gordon, Rachel Joyce, Nancy Kirkman, Mildred Stone, Reece Hunter. Third Row: Carl Needham, Kay Fulk, Fairene Wilson, Barbara Hart, Joannua Ray, Lottie Inman, Jo Ann Waller, Gloria Flippin, Joe Simmons. Fourth Row: Billy Whitaker, Gilmer Joyce, Jack Bullington, Sammy Bryant.*



## *Activities*



**MUSIC  
CLUB**

*"There is music in the air; music all around us. The world is full of it, and you simply take as much as you require."*

—SIR EDWARD ELGAR.



**MUSIC  
CLUB**

*"Music speaks the most universal of languages, one by means of which the soul is freely yet vaguely inspired."*

—SCHUMANN



## Activities



HELEN KEYE  
*Editor-in-Chief*



AUDREY SPARGER  
*Sponsor*



GLADYS MOORE  
*Typist*

## PAPER STAFF



*Seated:* Gladys Moore, J. W. Sparger, Jack Bullington, Helen Keye, Tommy Simmons, Alysne Inman, Jean McCormick, Phyllis Redman. *Second row (standing):* Betty Jean Chilton, Marvin Sams, Barbara Nichols, Lena Francis, Nancy Kirkman, Mary Frances Roberts, Fayrene Wilson, Maxine Hill, Virginia Jessup, Ray Motsinger, Miss Sparger. *Third row:* Charles Hill, J. D. MacDaniel, Keith Denny, Billy Needham, Wayne Hunter.



# *Activities*

## JUNIOR- SENIOR BANQUET



## HOME ECONOMICS DEPT.



## SHOP



# Activities



## SENIOR PLAY

"Who Murdered  
Who?"

## JUNIOR PLAY

"Best Seller"



## VOICE STUDENTS

Miss Sue Swanson,  
*Instructor*

Marjorie Thore  
Ray Motsinger  
Gloria Flippin  
Josephine Thore



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## TEEN AGE CLUB COUNCIL



Betty Clifton, Jean McCormick, *Treasurer*; Kay Fulk, *Secretary*; Ray Motsinger, *President*; Marjorie Thore, *Vice-President*; Joe Simmons, Keith Denny, Jack Goins.

## 4-H CLUB OFFICERS



Bonnie Cole, *President*; Billy Whitaker, *Vice-President*; Mrs. Vilena Chilton, *Sponser*; Norma Long, *Secretary*; Peggy Almond, *Treasurer*.





*Senior Class President* .....RAYMOND NELSON

Raymond Nelson, who has been the class president ever since we have been in high school, is one of the quieter members of our class. Raymond has many outstanding abilities—he is an honor student, the star of our football team, and fastest runner in the track meet. Raymond has a wonderful personality and is a friend to all his classmates. We know that Raymond will be successful in whatever he undertakes, because he has a strong will power to make the best of any situation.





*Chief Cheerleader.....* HELEN KEYE

Helen Keye, an outstanding member of the senior class, has been a cheerleader during her four years of high school. At the end of her junior year she was awarded a medal for her fine leadership in cheering the blue and white teams. Surely, much of the good sportsmanship displayed by our fans and teams can be attributed to Helen and the other members of the cheering squad.

She has made other achievements in high school—she received county spelling honors in 1950, she is Editor in Chief of "The Pilot," she is Feature Editor of "Knob Whispers," she is a member of the Glee Club, and she is outstanding in dramatics.





MISS PILOT MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL.

In a dress review sponsored by the Home Economics Department, Betty Leigh Clifton was chosen Miss Pilot Mountain High School for the term 1950-1951.





## ASSOCIATE EDITOR AND EDITOR

GLADYS MOORE AND PHYLLIS REDMAN

The two people largely responsible for the 1951 *KNOB WHISPERS* are Phyllis and Gladys. They have worked unceasingly to gather materials, photographs and information. Their efforts have produced a book of which we are all very proud. Phyllis in addition to being the Editor-in-Chief of the annual, is also the class secretary. She finds time to be a cheerleader, member of the *PILOT* staff, county F. H. A. officer, and a Senior Marshal.

Gladys, the Associate Editor, sings in the Glee Club, is cashier in the school lunchroom, is on the *PILOT* staff, has been outstanding in dramatics, and is also a Senior Marshal.



### CLARA JEAN HUNTER

We are proud to have Clara Jean Hunter, a member of our school, as State President of the Future Homemakers of America. Last year she served as the State Vice-President.



TAYLOR INMAN

*Future Farmers of America President*

We are proud of our Pilot Mountain Chapter because it has won numerous awards both in the county and the state. We feel that Taylor deserves much of the credit for these honors.

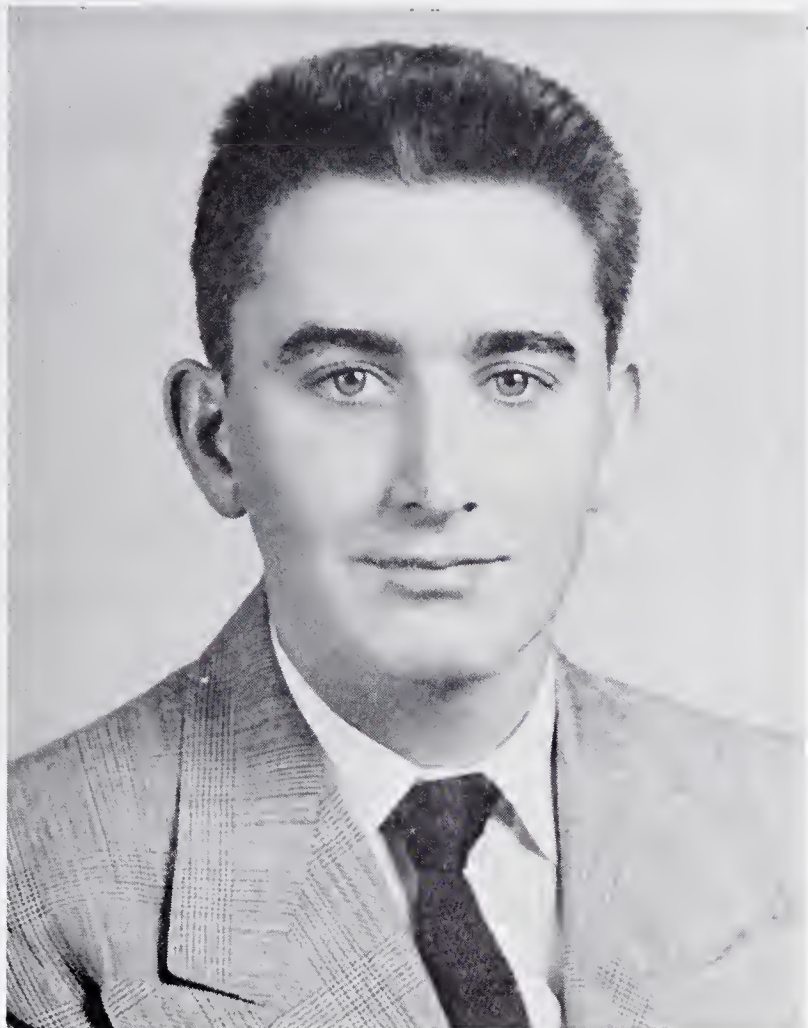
### BARBARA NICHOLS

*President of the Pilot Mountain Chapter,  
Future Homemakers of America*

Barbara also holds the office of county songleader. In addition to these honors she is a cheerleader, a member of the Glee Club, and a participant in dramas.







RAY MOTSINGER

*Teen Age Club President*

The Teen Age Club, sponsored by the Community Center, is one of the largest high school organizations. Ray, a senior, is the president of the organization which provides worthwhile recreation for its members.

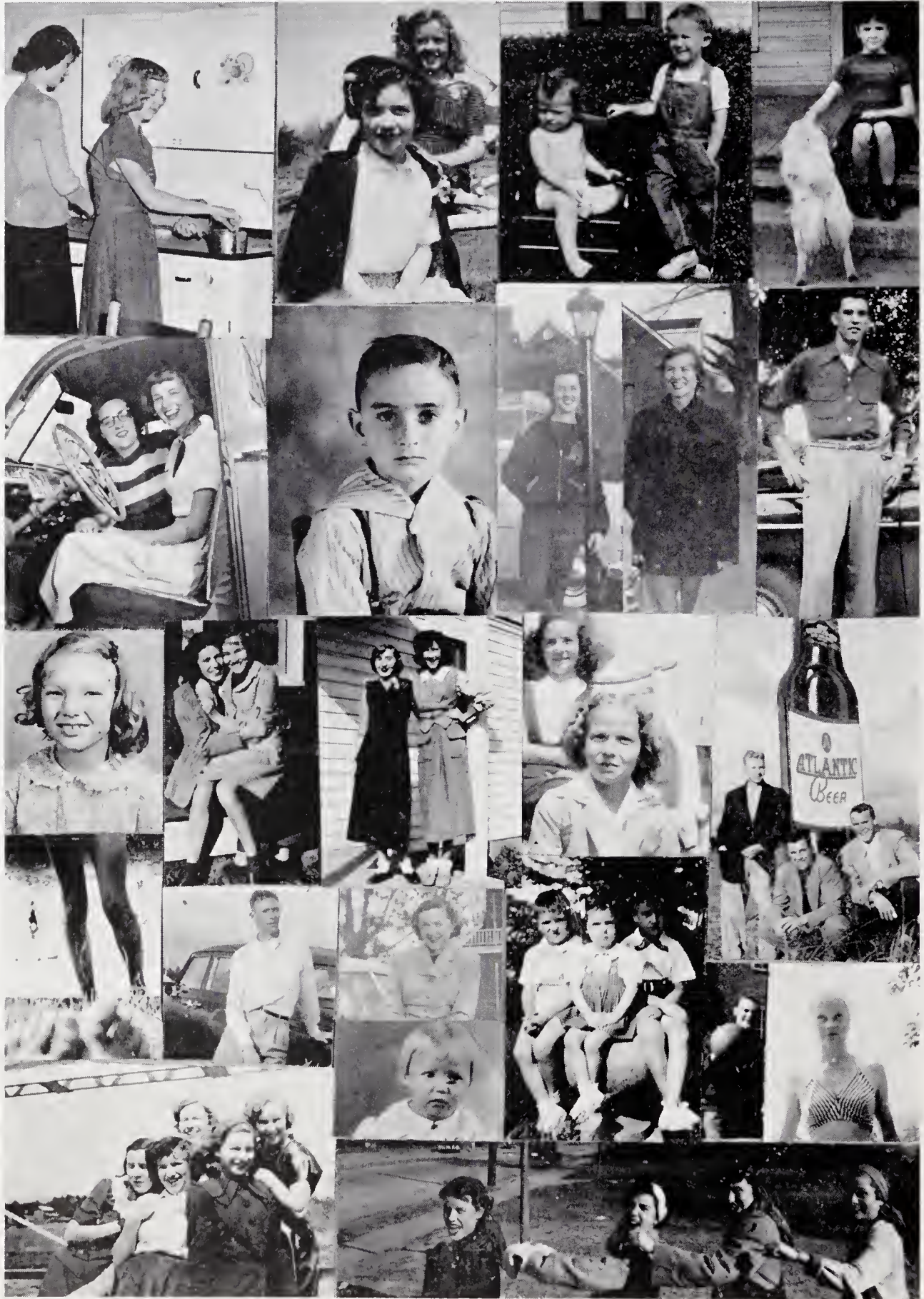
CHARLES HILL

We express our gratitude to Charles for the fine art work in this annual. Charles, a sophomore, has a promising future in athletics, as he is a member of both the basketball and football teams.





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*First Row:* Alynne Inman, Raymond Nelson, Jean McCormick. *Second Row:* Lena Francis, Nancy Kirkman. *Third Row:* Wesley Kivett, C. H. Simmons, Buddy Simmons, Business Manager.

The members of this group have sold advertisements, sold subscriptions, and in other ways have raised funds to make this annual a success. Their job has not been an easy one; their co-operation with the members of the editorial staff is deeply appreciated.



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